

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE PETITIONS OF CERTAIN CHURCHES )  
IN LOUISVILLE AND JEFFERSON COUNTY, )  
KENTUCKY, REQUESTING THAT THEY HAVE )  
THE OPTION OF PAYING BILLS FOR GAS )  
AND ELECTRIC SERVICE ON A BUDGET )  
PLAN )

CASE NO.  
8796

O R D E R

On January 20, 1983, the Commission received petitions from the Hazelwood Baptist Church and other churches in Louisville and Jefferson County, Kentucky, expressing concern relative to higher energy costs, requesting the Commission to investigate whether it is justifiable or necessary for churches to pay energy bills without the benefit or option of paying on a "budget plan" basis, and further requesting that the Commission schedule a public hearing on the issue. 807 KAR 5:006, Section 11(2)(d) - General Rules - provides that the regulations of the Commission relating to budget plans shall apply only to a utility's residential customers.

In response to an inquiry from the Commission concerning this matter, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, by letter dated February 16, 1983, states that, in the event churches and religious organizations are allowed to participate in the budget plan, requests will also be received from other non-profit and eleemosynary situations, that the present concerns on the part of customers who do not want to participate in the budget plan that they must bear

a part of the administrative costs through the rate structure would be increased by including customers who have a commercial classification. The letter also suggests that should the Commission determine that such customers be included, that a certification process be established.

The Commission, having considered the petitions, the response of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and being advised, HEREBY ORDERS that this matter be and it hereby is set for hearing on April 28, 1983, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Louisville Gas and Electric Company appear at the hearing and present testimony as to whether the budget billing option should be extended, if so, under what circumstances and requirements, and related issues.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of March, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Secretary